the periphery of each village. For drinking water distribution within the village, the beneficiaries would share a part of the capital cost (which should not be less than 10%) and shoulder full responsibilities for subsequent Operation and Maintenance of the village water distrbution network, while Government Department/ Board/Agency would maintian the main water supply system upto the village. Governments/Board/Agency may also charge water rates to the Panchayats/Village communities for bulk supply of water for drinking purpose. Such water charges and the village Operation and Maintenance cost would be fully met by the users/ beneficiaries.

As per recent information available out of 50,379 rural habitations in Chhattisgarh all habitations have been fully covered and there are no Not Covered and Partially Covered habitations in the State. This information is, however, provisional and subject to revision.

Non-utilisation of funds for drinking water by M.P.

†1629. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various States have not utilised the funds for the drinking water schemes allocated to them by the Central Government under the Drinking Water Pilot Project;

(b) whether Madhya Pradesh State is also one among those States which have neither spent any funds under Drinking Water Pilot Project nor have made any drinking water schemes in any district; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not spending the allocated amount by the State Government and the instructions being contemplated by the Central Government for the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNSAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) Annexure, showing financial and physical progress of Sector Reforms Pilot Projects being implemented in 67 districts of 26 States are enclosed [See Appendix 197 Annexure No. 16 and No. 17]. Project outlay, funds released and

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utilised in 5 project districts (Gwalior, Raisen, Sehore, Hoshangabad, Narsinghapur) of Madhya Pradesh are furnished in the Annexures.

The Sector Reform Project are process projects. The main objective of the Sector Reforms project is to institutionalise a new concept which envisages to enhance the awareness among the rural people by demystifying various possible RWS technology options, the merits and demerits of each option, their cost differences, the importance of peoples participation, and to equip the rural population to plan, sanction, partially fund, implement, operate, maintain, manage and replace the Rural Water Supply Scheme of their choice, themselves. It is expected that there would be some teething problems in the beginning and is likely to gain momentum after awareness generation and capacity building activities progress. As this happens, the project is likely to pick up and progress faster.

Food for Work Programme in Himachal Pradesh

1630. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of activities under taken under Food for Work scheme in Himachal Pradesh for 2001 -02;

(b) the number of persons benefited during this period; and

(c) the details of foodgrains allocated under this scheme to take care of flood effected districts of the State during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) During 2001 -02, foodgrains were not released to the State as there was no demand.

(c) Since, there has been no demand in the last three years for flood affected districts of Himachal Pradesh.The question of release of foodgrains for them, therefore, does not arise.

Feasibility report of Galibaha-Chamurkha-Jafrapur Road

1631. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 141 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 2002 and to state:

(a) whether Government have received feasibility report to take up Galibaha-Chamurkha-Jafrapur road under PMGSY from Sultanpur (U.P.)

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